

Derbys top Jr. A Raiders

The Streetsville Derbys didn't score often, but they did score quickly Tuesday to hand the Georgetown Raiders a 4-2 loss in Provincial Jr. A Hockey League action in Streetsville.

The Raiders squandered a 2-0 first period lead by allowing the Derbys two goals in 79 seconds in the middle frame before the home side added two more goals midway through the final period in a span of 2:27. The final three Derby goals came on the power play.

Georgetown outshot Streetsville 35-26 (including a 15-5 margin in the final period) but could not overcome the Derbys' two-goal lead.

Andrew Dennis, from Frank DeAngelis and Paul Marchese, and Greg Lever on setups from Matt Sitko and Alex Paiement tallied for Georgetown while Ryan Gibb took the loss.

Saturday the Raiders host Burlington at Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m. but will travel to Oakville the night before for a Friday tilt with the Blades.

Junior Rebels in the pink with Halton crown

The fact that coach Sheri Nairn is sporting cotton candy pink hair should be enough to tell you that it was a sweet victory for the Georgetown Rebels.

The Rebels won their first junior boys volleyball title since 1998 by rallying to defeat the St. Thomas Aquinas Raiders 21-25, 25-16, 15-10 and the coach delivered on her promise to dye her hair pink. But that wasn't the only thing driving the Rebels.

"They were determined not to lose," Nairn said. "There was a bunch of them on the team from last year that lost the Halton final. They were not going to let that happen twice."

It almost looked like the Rebels were going to. Despite being frequent visitors to

the Halton final, the Rebels have been snakebitten in the big game. And losing the first game 25-20 was no way to put their mind at ease.

The Raiders relied heavily on their big power hitter, Ryan Thomson, in the opening game but the Rebels adjusted and jumped out to an 8-3 advantage in the second game.

"We were trying to serve it at him so he would be out of the play," Nairn said. "But to his credit, even when he went into the back row he was effective and didn't stop swinging."

Aquinas would cut the lead to 12-10 but after a couple of substitutions, the Rebels took nine of the next 10 points to take command and went on to a match-evening 26-

15 victory.

The Rebels stormed out of the gate, taking the first four points in the deciding game. With their lead cut to one at 7-6, they again reeled off four straight points and carried that momentum to victory.

"They stayed positive, the whole team," Nairn said. "Even when they lost that first game, they never got angry. They played like a team."

Members of the Rebels' Halton championship team are Zach Austin, Matt Barker, Brendan Gingras, Chris Haynes, Adam McGourty, Devon Rattie, Adam Salisbury, Scott Timmerman, Tyler West, Travis Wright and assistant coaches Phil Peden and Jessica Partridge.

—By Herb Garbutt, special



Members of the Georgetown New Solutions Capital Group Raiders celebrate their win at a recent tournament in Pickering.

Minor Midgets win second tourney

Brendan Gingras scored with two seconds left in regulation to force overtime and Adam McGourty scored 1:49 into the extra period as the Georgetown New Solutions Capital Group Minor Midget Raiders rallied from a 3-0 deficit to edge Aurora 4-3 in the final of a tournament in Pickering. The Raiders went 4-0-1 to claim their second tournament of the season.

Georgetown 4, Guelph 4; Georgetown 7, Clarington 2; Georgetown 8, Whitby 0; Georgetown 4, Vaughan 2; Georgetown 4, Aurora 3 (OT): Chris Ackroyd (4G, 4A); McGourty (4G); Nick Paul (3G, 4A); Andrew Berlingieri, Darcy Cook (3G, 3A); Gingras (2G, 3A), Mike Parsons (2G, 2A); Kyle Marples (2G, 1A); Luke Ovenden (2G); Marc Nadeau (1G, 4A); Nic Spence (1G), Darcy Mejia (G); D.J. MacNeil (2A); Kyle Andrews, Ryan Thomson (A); Stephen McDonald (2W, 1T, SO); Jake Merchant (2W).

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